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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA BOAT CASE REFUGEES

1. DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 15 BOATS WITH 251 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARRIVED IN THAILAND. THIS FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE SIX REFUGEES THAT DIED IN ROUTE NOR SEVERAL UNCONFIRMED BOAT SIGHTINGS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED BY THAI OFFICIALS. OF THE 2554 BOAT CASE REFUGEES THAT HAS ARRIVED IN THAILAND, 472 WERE ACCEPTED BY THE U.S. (AS REFUGEES OR GIVEN IMMIGRANT VISAS) AND 565 WERE TAKEN BY OTHER COUNTRIES AS FOLLOWS: FRANCE-377, NETHERLANDS-54, NORWAY-68, SWITZERLAND-9, BELGIUM-5, AUSTRALIA-2, HONG KONG-4 AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY-46.

2. IN RESPONSE TO UNHCR APPEAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SOLUTION
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TO THE BOAT CASE PROBLEM, SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE MADE FIRM COMMITMENTS TO ACCEPT FOR RESETTLEMENT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL BOAT CASE REFUGEES.

A. FRANCE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT APPROXIMATELY 800-1000 REFUGEES A MONTH OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY 10 PERCENT ARE BOAT CASE REFUGEES.

B. AUSTRALIA AGREED TO ACCEPT A FIXED NUMBER OF 550 REFUGEES OF WHICH 300 WILL BE BOAT CASE REFUGEES. AUSTRALIAN "INS" TEAM ARRIVED BANGKOK JAN 4, 77 AND WILL COMPLETE ITS REFUGEE SELECTION BY END OF MONTH. CHARTER FLIGHTS WITH THEIR APPROVED REFUGEES WILL DEPART ON FEB 6 (400 REFUGEES) AND FEB 12 (150 REFUGEES).

C. GERMANY HAS SELECTED 50 BOAT CASE REFUGEES WHO ARE PRESENTLY AWAITING SECURITY CHECKS.

D. SWITZERLAND AGREED TO ACCEPT 11 BOAT CASE REFUGEES.

E. THE NETHERLAND EMBASSY REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM THE HAGUE TO ACCEPT 100 BOAT CASE REFUGEES BUT FEELS APPROVAL WILL BE FOR ONLY 50.

F. NORWAY WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THOSE REFUGEES RESCUED BY ANY NORWEGIAN FLAG SHIP.
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